

REMARKS

The final Action of October 29, 2004, has been carefully studied. Upon entry of the amendment presented above, the claims in the application will still be claims 6 and 8-10, but with the changes proposed to be introduced. The applicants believe that entry of the amendments presented above should resolve all outstanding issues and result in clear patentability of applicants' claims. The applicants accordingly respectfully request favorable reconsideration, entry of the amendments presented above, and allowance.

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under §102 as being anticipated by Koyama. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Even assuming that the rejection were correct, it would no longer apply to claims 9 and 10 upon entry of the amendment proposed above to claim 9. Accordingly, entry of the amendment to claim 9 presented above should result in allowance of claims 9 and 10.

Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of the amendments presented above, withdrawal of the

rejection of claims 9 and 10, and allowance of these claims.

Claims 6 and 8 have been rejected under §102 as anticipated by Koyama "as evidenced by [newly cited] Van Why et al". This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Although applicants do not see how Koyama anticipates claims 6 and 8 as previously pending in view of the fact that there is no disclosure in Koyama of the administration of a compound of Formula V "to a person who is suffering from a condition... of... cirrhosis, ..., chronic hepatitis, ... [or] renal insufficiency", entry of the amendments presented above for claim 6 should clearly obviate the rejection of claims 6 and 7, even if the rejection were correct.

Accordingly, as the amendments presented above should place claims 6 and 7 in condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request entry of such amendments, withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of claims 6 and 8.

Applicants believe that all issues are favorably addressed above and should result in entry of the amendments presented above and allowance of the present application. Therefore, applicants again respectfully

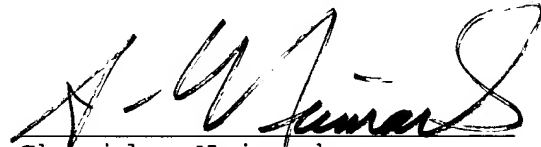
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request favorable reconsideration, entry of the amendments
presented above and early formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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